

which are wood, cast iron, bronze/brass, plastic, steel, and a variety of sheet metal.

0012. As illustrated in Fig. #3 when the unit is fully collapsed plates #2 and #3 are fully enclosed within the area of the encasement plate #1. The rod's placement #15 is a centric about plates' #2 and #3 center of gravity as the plates lean against the back panel #6 of the receptacle maintaining that while the receptacle is not in use it remains in the collapsed position and does so while the door is in use. At the base of the unit located between the plates #2, #3, and the encasement wall #1 are filling-pieces, spacers, or washers #16 as shown in Fig. #2. The purpose of #16 is to maintain a parallel adjacency among the components as shown in Fig. #2.

CLAIM OR CLAIMS:

0001. Having described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Patent:

0002. 1. A receptacle mounted in front of and below an opening through a door, wall, or related partition to receive mail and the like comprising of a face-plate located in front of the mail opening of which the mail is to come into contact with, thus causing it and side-plates to rotate about a pivot point provided by a rod or the like located at the base of the receptacle;

and a face-plate, side plates, and encasement plates being so related to one another as to be inter-locked in a manner that allows the side-plates and face-plate to move past one another while maintaining the ability to stop them and hold them in a rotated position about said rod, creating planes between which to retain mail and the like all inter-locked to and supported by encasement plates flanking the sides of the receptacle and mail opening which are attached to a bottom and back panel.

0003. 2. A receptacle mounted underneath, on one side of, attached in front of, and about an opening through a door, wall, or related partition to receive mail and the like comprising of a face-plate containing in part or in full the shape of an arc being so located as to be in front of and equal to the top of the mail opening of which the mail is to come into contact with, thus causing it and side-plates to rotate about a pivot point provided by a rod or the like located at the base of the receptacle;

and the face-plate, side plates, and encasement plates being so related to one another as to be inter-locked in a manner that allows the side-plates and face-plate to move past one another while maintaining the ability to stop them and hold them in a rotated position about the pivot point, provided by a rod or the like at the base of the receptacle, creating planes

between which to retain mail and the like all inter-locked to and supported by encasement plates flanking the sides of the receptacle and mail opening which are attached to a bottom and back panel.

0004. 3. The receptacle as defined in claim 2, comprising of a collection area able to expand when mail and the like strikes the face-plate.

0005. 4. The receptacle as defined in claim 2, comprising of a collection area able to collapse when force is applied to; or as the face-plate strikes an adjacent surface.

0006. 5. The receptacle as defined in claim 2, comprising of a guide or guides and extension piece or pieces engaged with one another as to have the extension piece of one plate be placed within an area in whole or partially confined by an adjacent plate's guide so as to inter-lock plates.

0007. 6. The receptacle as defined in Claim 2, comprising of a rod, rivet, bolt, pin, or related devise in an a centric positioning to the plates' center of gravity when the plates are collapsed, extended or in a stationary position about the said rod.

0008. 7. The receptacle as defined in Claim 2, comprising of an angle of that of the face-plate to that of the back panel when

expanded is such that mail and the like will not fall out of the collection area while maintaining the ability to collapse the receiving area upon contact with the adjacent surface.

0009. 8. A method for automatically expanding a mail collection area to receive the mail as it enters through an opening provided at door, wall or related partition comprising of the steps of: mail striking a face plate located in front of the opening; mail pushing against said face-plate with force causing it to rotate about a pivot point, thus causing the face-plate and the inter-locking side-plates to move past one another and hold another creating planes between which to retain said mail.

0010. 9. A method for automatically collapsing a mail collection area as it strikes an adjacent surface comprising of the steps of: the door to which the receptacle is mounted to is opened; the face-plate striking an adjacent surface forcing the plate to slide up said surface, thus collapsing the inter-locking side-plates and face-plate allowing the collection area to become contracted.